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Dear Sir.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(4), the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A (14 sheets, submitted in duplicate) are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the identified references are enclosed as necessary. This Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") is filed before the mailing of the first office action after the filing of a request for continued examination ("RCE") under 37 CFR § 1.114.

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Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, applicant requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A.

Respectfully submitted,

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